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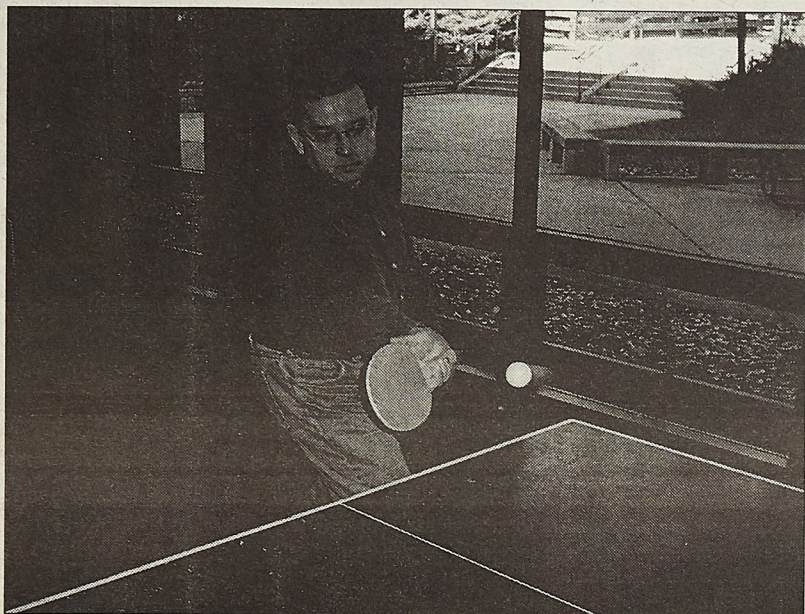
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Student Council approves next year's student activity fees



Gilberto Perez, Weiner Distinguished Professor for the Humanities, plays a game of table tennis in the University Center-East gameroom. Next semester, the game room will no longer charge for use of the pool or ping-pong tables.

photo by Randal Burd

Students will see fees increase \$9.56 per semester

By CHIP KASTNER

Assistant News Editor
of the Missouri Miner

At the meeting of the Student Council of the University of Missouri-Rolla on Tuesday, Nov. 7, the student activity fees for the 2001-2002 school year were approved.

The Student Activity Fee Board (SAFB) had previously passed a proposal for next year's fees. The plan was then submitted to Student Council. During the StuCo meeting, several organizations appealed for modifications to their budgets that were proposed by SAFB.

The most significant changes involves the game room at the University Center-East. It currently charges students for use of pool and ping-pong tables. Next semester, this fee will be eliminated and replaced with increased costs for using rooms in the University Center for organizational activities. Furthermore, plans are being made to add lounge furniture, satellite or cable TV and foosball

tables to the game room and to remove the seldom-used arcade machines.

These are among other approved changes, however many organizations continued to receive the same amount of funding previously allotted. A listing of the finalized fees and any relevant descriptions follows:

—ASUM received \$1.97 per student per semester, up from \$1.93 for the 2000-2001 school year.

—Athletics & Golf course received \$68.42 per student per semester, up from \$65.44.

—Blue Key received \$.78 per student per semester, up from \$.31.

—Campus Events Fund received \$1.62 per student per semester. It received no funding during the 2000-2001 school year.

—The Capital Fund received \$1.95 per student per semester, down from \$2.15.

—The Club Appropriations Fund received \$2.25 per student per semester, unchanged from last year.

—The Council of Graduate Students'

received \$0.0 per student per semester, down from \$0.10 because the organization is currently inactive.

—KMN received \$5.30 per student per semester, unchanged from last year.

—The Leach Theater Use Subsidy received \$0.0 per student per semester, unchanged from last year. It has received money in years past in order to reduce the costs organizations must pay to use the theater for activities.

—The Missouri Miner received \$3.35 per student per semester, unchanged from last year.

—Non-Varsity Sports received \$1.95 per student per semester, up from \$1.84.

—The Organizational Secretarial Staff received \$3.24 per student per semester, down from \$3.69. This is used to pay secretaries employed by student organizations. However, the funding has been relocated from student activity fees to University Center's budget in order to provide a more

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Campaign attorneys set for court as recount drags on

By MARK BARABAK

AND

MICHAEL FINNEGAN

of the Los Angeles Times

The deadlocked race for president pointed Sunday toward a possible resolution by week's end, as pressure mounted on both sides to end the stalemate once all the votes are counted.

As a hand tally of more than 180,000 ballots got under way in Volusia County, attorneys for Al Gore and George W. Bush prepared to face off Monday in a federal courtroom in Miami.

In legal papers filed Sunday night, Gore's attorneys challenged Bush's claims that Florida's procedures for counting ballots by hand were unconstitutional. The Texas governor is seeking to block the hand tabulation of about 1.5 million disputed ballots, including more than 460,000 in heavily Democratic Palm Beach County.

As the legal challenges played out Sunday, a consensus seemed to emerge among leading lawmakers in Washington that the matter should be settled once all the votes are tallied.

"When all of the hand recounts are finished, then whoever is the loser

should give in and recognize the other party," said Rep. Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., the House minority leader.

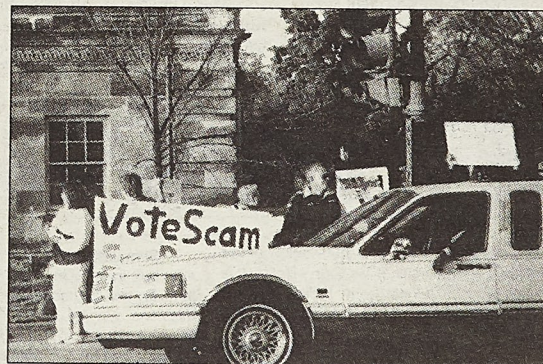
Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., the Senate minority leader, said on CBS's "Face the Nation": "We have got to count the absentee ballots. We have got to count those that have either been miscounted or not counted... But I think that we really ought to be very cautious and very, very concerned about taking this matter to the courts."

From the Republican side, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., weighed in. "We are not in a constitutional crisis," McCain said. "But the American people are growing weary, and whoever wins is having a rapidly diminishing mandate, to say the least."

Speaking on Bush's behalf, former U.S. Secretary of State James A. Baker III took to the Washington talk shows Sunday to urge Gore to drop his recount demands. He called the fight over Florida "a black mark on our democracy."

But his counterpart, Warren Christopher, insisted the hand counting must go forward to ensure the integrity of the vote. "We're not talking about a long delay here," said

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Protestors in Washington, D.C. express their opinions on the presidential elections.

photo by Gretchen Gawer

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NEWSBRIEFS ON CAMPUS

UMR professors in the news

A 1995 New York Times story about Curators' Professor David Summers is featured in a new book, "Scientists at Work: Profiles of Today's Groundbreaking Scientists from Science Times." The book, edited by Laura Chang and containing a foreword by Stephen Jay Gould, is a collection of articles about scientists and researchers from the pages of the New York Times. In January 1995, Summers was featured in an article by Warren Leary of the Times, "Out of the Mines and Into the Lab." The article, which is reprinted in "Scientists at Work," discusses the use of water-jet technology developed at UMR by Summers to clean up radioactive waste.

The current issue of the ASEE Prism, found on the Web at <http://www.asee.org/Jprism>, features a story about the rapid-freeze prototyping technique developed by Ming Leu, the Bailey Professor of Integrated Product Manufacturing. The article is available online to ASEE members only.

Fall commencement on Saturday, Dec. 16

The University of Missouri-Rolla's winter commencement will be held Saturday, Dec. 16.

About 400 degrees will be awarded during commencement, which will begin at 2 p.m. in UMR's Gale Bullman Multi-Purpose Building.

People with sight, hearing and mobility impairments who are planning to attend commencement should contact UMR's Office of Affirmative Action, Americans with Disabilities

Act coordinator, at (573) 341-6314 before Friday, Dec. 8, for the university to provide reasonable accommodations.

Ceremony for the Order of the Engineer

The Order of the Engineer ceremony will be conducted on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2000 at 8 p.m. in the Mark Twain Room, University Center-East. Engineering majors who will be graduating in December 2000 or May 2001 are eligible to participate. Students who wish to participate in the ceremony should go to the Office of the Dean of Engineering, 101 Engineering Research Lab, by Friday, Dec. 1 to sign up for the ceremony and determine their ring size. The cost is \$15, which covers the cost of the ring and certificate. Business dress is appropriate for the occasion.

The Order of the Engineer is a ceremony patterned after a Canadian ceremony called the "Ritual of the Calling of an Engineer" in which participants make a public vow acknowledging that they have obligations to perform in a professional manner and to participate only in honest enterprises. Those who have taken their vow are entitled to wear a steel ring as the symbol of the Order of the Engineer.

Questions should be referred to Jerry Bayless, 101 ERL, 341-4151, jerryb@umr.edu.

UMR holds canned food drive for final football game

The University of Missouri-Rolla offered free admission to fans who brought at least two canned food

items to the Nov. 11 football game with Missouri Southern State College at Allgood-Bailey Stadium.

In addition, members of the UMR Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, in conjunction with the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, handed out information on organ donor awareness, a service project the conference brought attention to during the 2000 football season. Organ donor cards were given away at Saturday's game.

The canned food drive was held in support of GRACE for Christmas, as it is collecting canned food items for the Christmas season. GRACE is the Greater Rolla Area Charitable Enterprise and will receive all of the donations from Saturday's football game. The M-Club at UMR collected the donations at the stadium gates.

Any fan who brought at least two canned items received one free ticket of admission to the game between the Miners and Lions, which began at 1 p.m.

Students at UMR also had a chance to win a prize as part of the drive as well. Papa John's donated five pizzas to the group or organization that brought the largest poundage of canned food to the game. The winner of that contest was announced during the game.

Nov. 10-18 is International Education Week

November 10-18 is International Education Week nationally and at UMR. In recognition of this week, the Multicultural Educational Support Program (MESP) and Office of International Affairs have planned several events. Those coming up are:

—International Students Seminar,

12:30 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 15, "Studying Abroad and the Importance of Language Skills," Southwestern Bell Cultural Center.

—Faculty reception, noon Thursday Nov. 16, Southwestern Bell Cultural Center. UMR faculty members will discuss international recruitment and opportunities for international teaching and research.

—MESP Open House, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday Nov. 18, Southwestern Bell Cultural Center. Area high school exchange students and UMR students will be paired during the open house, which is also open to the public, and international food will be served.

Kansas City Ballet to perform Nov. 17 at UMR

The University of Missouri-Rolla Campus Performing Arts Series will present the Kansas City Ballet at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, in Leach Theatre of Castleman Hall on the UMR campus.

Admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 for students, and \$10 for those age 18 and younger. For more information, contact the UMR Ticket Window at (573) 341-4219.

During its UMR show, the Kansas City Ballet will perform four pieces, "Paquita," "Three Courtesies," "Lento a Tempo e Appassionato," and "Holberg Suite."

"Paquita" was first staged in the late 19th century in France and Russia. Although much of the original performance was forgotten before its revival by Alexandra Danilova in the 1950s, the ballet has persisted to delight audiences.

"Three Courtesies," which is choreographed by Kansas City native David Parsons, was first performed by the Kansas City Ballet in 1996. Set

to the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, this performance "shatters the audience's expectations with its sense of humor, irony and imagination," says Jennifer Hawthorne of the Kansas City Ballet. "It takes a thumb-your-nose approach to upper-class etiquette and high society."

"Lento a Tempo e Appassionato" is a Venezuelan ballet that moves from the "sultry to the poetic" and is accompanied by piano, says Hawthorne.

"Holberg Suite" features three classical dances, the Sarabande, Gavotte and Musette. The Kansas City Ballet adaptation of "Holberg Suite," choreographed by artistic director William Whitener, debuted in 1998.

Formerly the State Ballet of Missouri, the Kansas City Ballet reclaimed its original name in January of 2000. The company was founded in 1957. The Kansas City Ballet performance at UMR is partially funded by the Missouri Arts Council.

Alcoa donates to UMR

The Alcoa Foundation recently donated \$44,800 to support UMR's Minority Engineering and Women in Engineering programs. Chuck Buel, a UMR graduate who is currently the Chief Electrical Engineer for Alcoa Mill Products, in Davenport, Iowa, made the check presentation to UMR Chancellor Gary Thomas in October. Alcoa provides support to 30 key institutions, including UMR, to increase the recruitment and retention of minorities and females in engineering. The funding is allocated toward pre-engineering programs and scholarship support.



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Nation & World News Briefs



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Presidential election recount still underway

After the election on Nov. 7, Vice President Al Gore ended up with 260 electoral votes and Texas Governor George W. Bush had 246. Neither candidate had obtained the required majority of 270 needed to win, because the race in Florida, which has 25 electoral votes, was so close that the votes needed to be recounted. Although Bush was initially declared the winner in the Florida race with a majority of a few thousand votes, the recount narrowed his lead to a few hundred. Furthermore, many people complained of a confusing ballot in Palm Beach county in Florida, claiming that they accidentally voted for Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan instead of Al Gore. Many people called for a revote in the county, as it could turn the election in favor of Gore. As Florida awaited all of the international votes, the Bush camp accused the Gore camp of needlessly prolonging the election. It also called for recounts in several states where the vote was also extremely close. See page 1 of this issue for the full story on Election 2000.

Severe solar storm affects Earth

At 6:50 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on November 8, a massive solar flare erupted from the center of the Sun, sending a stream of protons outwards, many of which reached earth. The storm, which caused a ten-thousandfold increase in protons near Earth, was classified as an S4 on a five-point scale, the strongest being S5. Since an excessive amount of proton radiation is believed to damage DNA and cause cancer, people not completely below the Earth's atmosphere (mainly those flying in airplanes) were believed to be at a minor risk. One source said that flying in an airplane during a solar storm of S4 strength exposes a person to as much radiation as ten chest X-rays. The radiation is also known to disrupt satellite and radio communications and cause increased occurrences of Aurora Borealis, the phenomenon usually referred to as the Northern Lights.

Barak, Arafat meet with Clinton as Israeli violence continues

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met with President Clinton on Thursday, Nov. 9 and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak did the same three days later on Sunday, Nov. 12. The leaders met in hopes of ending many weeks of violence in Israel, which have now caused approximately 200 deaths, most of those Palestinians. Expectations for the meeting were fairly low, however, as violence continued despite attempts at working out a ceasefire between the two sides. After radical Palestinian leader Hussein Abayat was killed in an Israeli helicopter strike on his compound, Palestinian protestors who called Abayat's death an assassination decided to hold a series of protests in another "day of rage". During the day of rage, a high ranking Palestinian leader referred to the conflicts as a "state of war",

and Palestinians protested by throwing rocks, setting bombs, and firing weapons at Israelis. Several Israelis and 41 Palestinians were injured, and three Palestinians were killed by Israeli soldiers who returned fire. Arafat called for a United Nations force to protect Palestinians, which will hopefully reduce the level of violence in the region.

Iraq, Iran work to normalize relations

Iraq and Iran, two Middle Eastern nations who fought an eight-year war in the 1980s, have begun to hold talks in order to normalize relations, according to the foreign ministers of both countries. The agreement will create "political contracts, bilateral trade, ... diplomatic missions in both countries and attempts to control the common border," according to Iraqi foreign minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahaf. The common border that Sahaf spoke of was a reference to the hopeful end of the border dispute between the two countries, caused before Iraqi President Saddam Hussein invaded Iran in 1980. The two nations decided to work out an agreement before a summit of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, a 56-nation meeting that will discuss many issues relevant to the Islamic world, especially the lifting of sanctions on Iraq that were imposed by the United Nations after the 1991 Gulf War.

Uganda Ebola continues to spread

The deadly Ebola virus, which has been spreading throughout the African nation of Uganda for over a month, continues to spread. The virus, which eats away a person's internal organs and causes bleeding through all bodily orifices, has now claimed 103 lives, 99 in the northern Ugandan area of Gulu and four in the city of Mbarara, which is 260 miles to the south. As of late last week, 31 people were still in the hospital with the disease, approximately 170 had recovered, and several new potential cases were being investigated daily. People who recovered from the virus returned home to be shunned by paranoid neighbors who thought the former victims still had the virus and had burned many of their belongings. Doing this would have little effect, since the virus is only spread through direct contact with the body fluids of a person infected by the disease at the time.

170 die in Austrian cable car tunnel during fire

An Austrian cable car travelling through the Kitzsteinhorn mountain range on Saturday, Nov. 11 suddenly stopped around 600 yards into a mountain tunnel after it burst into flames. Rescuers were not able to reach the cable car during the fire, due to the thick smoke that had accumulated in the tunnel. Meanwhile, many of the cable car's passengers were burnt alive. According to one survivor, a "strongly built man" managed to shatter one of the car's windows, and many people who survived the flames fled the car, only to suffocate in the smoke. 170 people died during the incident, and only eighteen managed to escape the tunnel alive. The cause of the fire was not able to be determined immediately.

Election

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Christopher, also a former U.S. secretary of State, speaking on Gore's behalf. "I think it's a matter of days, not weeks, not months, but days before we reach a result."

An unofficial Associated Press canvass of the vote in Florida, which included the results of a second mechanical recount in Palm Beach County, gave Bush a 288-vote lead, down slightly from his margin last week. State officials give Bush a 960-vote lead, but their tally excluded Palm Beach County. The winner of Florida and its 25 electoral votes will likely take the White House with just over the 270 votes needed to win.

On the talk-show circuit Sunday, Baker and Christopher used their appearances to press their clients' respective cases. Baker said GOP attorneys would argue that manual recounts in only four of Florida's 67 counties would constitute unequal treatment under the 14th Amendment, which guarantees equal protection under the law. He asserted Florida has no uniform standard for reviewing the ballots and suggested that Democrats who control the contested counties would play favorites. "It's all subjective, and therefore it presents terrible problems of human error and potential for mischief," Baker said. But Bush will drop the lawsuit he filed Saturday, Baker said "if (Gore) would agree with us to respect the results of the statewide recount, subject only to tabulating the results of the overseas ballots" due by Friday. "Whoever wins then, wins," Baker said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

But if the Gore campaign refuses to back down, Baker went on, Bush may seek to force recounts in other close states as well. "If the Gore campaign is going to continue to call for recount after recount after recount until they're satisfied with the result

suggest that there be recounts in all of these states where we trail very narrowly," Baker said.

Appearing on NBC, Christopher insisted the manual recounts must go forward. "There's no constitutional crisis" he said. "There's a 75-day period between the election and inauguration. We've used up only four and a half or five days of that now."

In a separate appearance on CBS, Gore's campaign chairman, Bill Daley, took a more pugnacious approach. He noted Republicans did not object when a manual recount in New Mexico shifted the state from Gore to Bush, by a mere four votes. He said the vice president was still weighing legal action to challenge the result in Florida. "That's being looked at right now," Daley said on "Face the Nation."

Specifically, he again cited "the terrible injustice" of the ballot in Palm Beach County, which some Gore voters say was poorly designed, causing them to mistakenly vote for Reform Party candidate Patrick J. Buchanan.

In legal papers filed Sunday night, the vice president's attorneys argued that Bush's lawsuit threatens Florida's right to run its own elections. Bush's lawsuit opposes a system that "reflects an electoral practice, the hand counting of ballots, in effect throughout the country since the nation's founding," Gore attorneys contended.

Whatever happens with the recounts, the final Florida results will not be known before the overseas ballots are counted, which will be Friday at the earliest. But the uncertainty could worsen Tuesday as the first of two deadlines passes for counties to certify their election results.

Several counties where Gore leads, among them Palm Beach, Broward and Dade, could miss the 5 p.m. deadline. Bob Crawford, a member of the state board that certifies the statewide results, has suggested the state might certify the statewide returns without them.

UMR Police Blotter

11/06/00 at 10:00 a.m.: UMR Police receive report of a possibly missing projector system worth \$5000. Since no sign-out procedure is utilized, the item may be misplaced. Investigation continues.

11/07/00 at 11:20 a.m.: UMR Police and MSHP arrest campus employee Tim A. Crowell on Pulaski County warrants for 1st Degree DWI and 2nd Degree Murder apparently stemming from a previous traffic accident. Bond set at \$100,000.

11/12/00 at 12:44 a.m.: UMR Police Officers and Security Guards chase four "streakers" observed on campus. The individuals got in a truck and fled the scene. The truck was abandoned when UMRPD initiated vehicle pursuit. The driver was identified and interviewed, and another accomplice was identified on campus and a camcorder of the incident was confiscated from him. Both accomplices lied to officers concerning the identity of the four original perpetrators, but a review of the videotape showed easily identifiable faces of all involved and included a planning session concerning the crime. The four "streakers" came to UMRPD upon request at 10:00 a.m. and admitted involvement. Their statements and the report information will be forwarded to Student Affairs for academic discipline in lieu of criminal charges.



Viewpoints on Politics

Presidential Election 2000 is history in the making

By ARTI DAUTENHAHN
of the Missouri Miner

Some major headlines released on Nov. 8 about the recent election were wrong. The most obvious of these were the headlines that proclaimed George W. Bush the new president-elect after the major networks projected that he had won Florida. This headline might very possibly turn out to be the truth, but the votes must be counted first, as Florida law called for an automatic recount because the margin of victory for Bush was less than one half of one percent.

As of the time of writing, it was reported that all votes had been re-counted in Florida, and that Governor Bush had a lead of about three hundred votes. The absentee ballots from overseas (roughly 2300) remain to be counted. It looks, at this point, like Bush will be our next president.

As a journalist, one couldn't ask for a more thrilling, or movie-like scenario for a national election. As the headline of this article reads, this is indeed history in the making, with many Americans who cast their vote is able to claim a small part of it.

One only can hope that the major networks learned their lesson about trying to predict voting outcomes before the ballots are even completely cast. No presidential race is too close to call. It is a very simple matter of waiting until everyone has voted, and seeing who has the most votes. Yes, other factors do weigh in, but hopefully the people will be the final say in this election.

There are, however, allegations of voter fraud and ballot problems in the state of Florida. What exactly is the problem? Well, aside from the actual vote count being so close, there are a number of things that went wrong. First, the major networks got ahold of some erroneous information and prematurely called the state for Gore—that is, considered Gore the winner of that state. This was absolutely incredulous to many viewers as they watched the election results. The networks would display the actual vote count for Florida that showed

Mr. Bush with a large lead.

Republicans are crying foul about this because many voters in the largely Republican panhandle region saw on television that their state had already been given to Gore, even before they had a chance to vote. Republicans claim this may have cost Bush many votes. Many people have a problem with that, believing that residents of the region would have still voted, if for no other reason than to elect their state officials.

The Democrats are yelling foul for two reasons: First, it seems as if many actual ballots took an unusually long time to get from the polling place, to the counting office. In a state whose governor is the brother of a candidate, this would look odd. However, these things happen on a pretty consistent basis, and most do not believe there was any fraud there. The other major complaint (one that may end up dragging the election out in court even after the recount) is that the ballot in Palm Beach county was "confusing". It seems as if about 19,000 ballots had to be thrown out because they had two votes for president on them. A Democratic congressman representing the county claimed that many elderly voters called him in tears because they thought they had accidentally voted for the wrong person.

There are many holes in this grievance though. First, it is state law in Florida that the ballots be printed in major newspapers before the election so that any problems with them can be aired. The Democrat in charge of the voting in that county approved the ballots beforehand. Second, if a person accidentally makes a mistake on his vote, he usually does not know that he did it. This is what makes it an accident. Third, none of this surfaced until the state had been given to Bush. Finally, if a voter has any problems while voting, there are people there to help. There is also the possibility of recounts in Oregon, New Hampshire, Iowa, and Wisconsin. Hopefully the two candidates will not stoop to such pathetic claims and whichever loses the Florida recount will concede defeat so the

country can move on. It is a very likely scenario that between the time this article is sent to the printer and the time it is published, the United States will have a new president.

Claims of scandal could also be seen here in Missouri. The Democrats are mad because many of the polling places in St. Louis were very poorly organized, which caused long lines and many voters did not get to vote. They had a circuit judge issue an order saying that the polls must remain open until ten o'clock. When the Republicans heard this, they were furious. Following ranting speeches by such high ranking officials as Senator Kit Bond, another judge forced the original judge to retract her mandate. The polls were then closed around 7:40. The Republicans were so furious because St. Louis is a largely Democratic area, with about 90 percent of the voters being Democrats.

The Republicans are calling for an investigation into the matter. Other evidence supporting the Republican's view is the fact that right after the judge issued her mandate, thousands of pre-taped phone calls by Reverend Jesse Jackson were made to Democratic voters in the area. This is the one complaint about this election that seems to be substantiated. There were a few key elections that the Republicans lost by a slim margin. In the governor's race, Bob Holden barely edged out Republican Jim Talent. In one of the most odd senate races ever, Republican John Ashcroft (who was up ten points in the polls until the tragic plane crash that killed Mel Carnahan) was defeated by the deceased Carnahan. Lt. Governor Roger Wilson has stated that he will appoint Mrs. Carnahan to that seat.

This is also being disputed by the Republicans because state law states that to be a senator, one must currently reside in the state. They are bringing forth a lawsuit because the deceased Carnahan can't "reside" in the state.

For a complete listing of winners throughout the state, check the Secretary of State's web site at <http://mosi.sos.state.mo.us/>

Electoral college responsible for election mess

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Unless you've been living under a rock for the past few days, you have probably noticed all of the trouble caused by the recent election. Gore refuses to admit defeat, and Bush is doing his best to see that the initial results are the results that stick. This controversy has caused a lot of people to propose many different reforms to the electoral process. Among these reforms are electronic voting, nationally standardized ballots, and the eradication of the electoral college. I agree with those who say that our method of voting is outdated, and I believe the first priority should be the revamping or the elimination of the electoral college.

Centuries ago, the electoral college was put in place because ordinary people were not judged competent to elect the president. In many ways, this is understandable. Back then the average person was uneducated and uninformed. Today, however, the vast majority of people receive public education, and information about candidates and issues can travel at phenomenal speeds. The college is clearly no longer needed to serve its original purpose, but many of its supporters claim that it has other benefits.

People say the electoral college makes sure that the votes of small states are heard. They also claim that it gives politicians a reason to campaign in states with lower populations. The first claim is shown to be invalid by this: Thanks to the electoral college, the candidate that has the greatest chance of winning also failed to win the popular vote. If the government is truly of the people, then the people's will must rule, and not some archaic process. I do not see how the electoral college gives more people a voice in the process of electing the president, but I do see how it undermines the popular will.

As of now, big states and swing states get the majority of the attention in an election. That, of course, makes sense. The places with the most votes, and the places that are the most indecisive are crucial whether there is an electoral college or not. Those who are in favor of the college say that areas of low population will be ignored if the institution is eliminated, but that will not be the case at all. Presidential candidates know that they need every vote they can get, and they also know that if they leave an area uncanvassed, they create an opening for their opponent. Candidates will always try to reach as many people they can.

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Addition: An inexact science

AN EDITORIAL BY
BRAD NEUVILLE
MANAGING EDITOR

Our country sits perilously on the edge of a decision that will not only affect our nation today, but also have a profound influence on the future of our Republic. The decision rests in the hands of a single man, a man who has spent the majority of his life working hard for one single goal, to become the President of the United States of America. Vice President Albert Gore Jr. has in his hands the future of a nation. What he chooses to do with that nation will affect each and every one of us in ways some of us can not possibly imagine.

The decision that the Vice President must make is whether or not to dispute the results of a time-honored tradition, in the state of Florida, and the United States as a whole; whether or not to bring government and the judicial system into the polling place, into the booths, and uproot in any way possible several hundred votes that may swing the election in his favor.

The Gore campaign has already called for and won the right to hand count ballots in several Democratic dominated counties in Florida. The Bush campaign has finally struck back, asking for an injunction to stop this manual recount. They claim that manual counting is subject to even more inaccuracy since fallible human beings are deciding the merits of an individual ballot instead of an impartial machine, a logical argument. However, if such manual counting were to proceed I believe it must proceed in every precinct, in every county, in the entire state. Shear probability tells us that hand counting in counties which voted 70-80 percent for Gore will change Gore's count more than Bush's (and perhaps not in Gore's favor either). A purely fair recount, at least statistically, in a nearly equal election would be to recount all ballots in the entire state.

Yet by all accounts it is most likely that by the day after tomorrow the state of Florida will be ready to declare George W. Bush the winner of that state's election, and therefore the President-Elect of the United States of America. While a few absentee ballots are still floating in, it is believed that Governor Bush's current lead will be insurmountable since there are very few ballots that are still at large.

At this time Mr. Gore will have to make his decision. He will have to decide whether he wishes to follow the example of Nixon and of Missouri Senator John Ashcroft. Whether to hold his head up high and say that he is proud to have served his country, to still serve his country, but that he will not challenge the will of the people, or to dig into an election, that like every other, is not completely without fraud, bias or irregularity.

In the past few days every possible argument, reason and accusation about "voter irregularity" and improper ballots has been made. The much publicized ballots in Palm Beach County, Florida, have gone through the political washing machine. Yet the simple fact is that the ballots were examined before the election and agreed upon by members of both prominent political parties as well as certified by the state of Florida.

It is not in dispute that there are people who did not vote for who they intended to. What is in dispute is what to do about it. The simple fact is that people all across this great country voted for someone other than who they intended to. Human beings are fallible, we make mistakes. The ques-

tion is, can we take one county out of the most tightly contested state and tell those people in that county that voted for the wrong person that they are more special than all the rest of us; that they will get the opportunity to do it again. We can not let this happen.

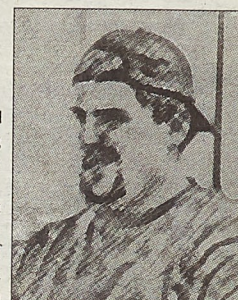
It is unfortunate that some people's voices were muddled last Tuesday but the simple fact is that we live in a constitutional republic, and we have laws. The law in the state of Florida says that if you do not punch the whole all the way through, that if you mark the ballot twice, that if you accidentally vote for the wrong person AND YOU DON'T DISPUTE IT RIGHT THEN AND THERE, then your vote does not count. That's the law. It can be argued, I suppose, that that may not be fair, but the simple fact is that's how it is done. No federal judge will grant any kind of a revote or validation of previously invalidated ballots unless deliberate fraud was committed on a grand and election-determining scale and there is no indication whatsoever that that was the case. If people know that they cast their ballots in one of the above manners and did not immediately bring it to the attention of the polling officials, then it is their fault. It is not legal nor is it practical to have a re-election in one county, one state or even nationwide.

It also no longer appears that Florida is the only option by which Governor Bush could become president, even if Mr. Gore makes the wrong decision and decides to dispute the Florida election. Oregon is still in the "Too Close to Call" column and New Mexico has been placed back into that column as well due to the finding of thousands of previously uncounted ballots. Combined with the closeness of the race in Wisconsin, merely 5,000 votes, there is now an avenue by which the Governor could come to 269 electoral votes without Florida. A simple request for a recount in Wisconsin followed by a favorable (to Bush) result, combined with narrow victories in Oregon and New Mexico would put the governor at 269 electoral votes sending the election into the Congress.

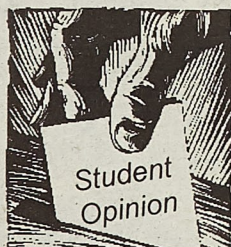
The question is, would the governor ask for a recount in Wisconsin? Based on the information that I have been able to gather from my home state of Wisconsin, as well as the recent court actions that the Bush camp has made, it seems likely that they would ask for a recount in Wisconsin. It has been reported that in downtown Milwaukee members of the Democratic party offered to take homeless people to the polls and when they agreed and arrived on the bus to go to the polls they received free cigarettes. This alone, if proved true, would be enough to throw the results of the Wisconsin vote into turmoil, just as those in Florida now are.

Many would argue that such a raking of the Wisconsin ballot would be no better than what the Gore team is doing in Florida right now; indeed they would be right. Yet it would be difficult to fault Bush, just as fallible as the rest of us, for feeling as though the election was somehow robbed from him and wanting to take action on that feeling. Indeed it would tell us more about him if he were not to do so than if he were.

At this point 65 percent of people who voted last Tuesday (according to a poll I recently saw) believe that Mr. Gore is being unreasonable in his attempts in Florida. This means that at least 17 percent of those who voted for him do not feel he is doing the right thing. Listen to them Mr. Vice President. Hear the people. Let us move on with what George Bush, Sr. called "a peaceful transition of power."



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Final Exam Schedule

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The final examination period will begin Monday, December 11, 2000 at 8:00 a.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 15, 2000. Common finals are scheduled for those courses listed in Section II below. Room assignments for common finals will be announced by the instructors. The courses not covered in Sections I, II, and III are to be arranged by the instructor in cooperation with the students in that course.

Evening Course Finals are scheduled for the evening session during finals week. Evening courses are those courses beginning after 5:30 p.m. Evening finals begin at 7:00 p.m.

II. Common Finals include All Sections of a course.

B Eng 50, 51	Monday	1:30-3:30
B Eng 110	Thursday	8:00-10:00
B Eng 140	Monday	1:30-3:30
B Eng 150	Monday	1:30-3:30
BIO 110	Monday	8:00-10:00
CE 230	Wednesday	1:30-3:30
CE 233	Thursday	8:00-10:00
CE 299	Wednesday	1:30-3:30
Csci 73, 74	Monday	8:00-10:00
EE 151	Tuesday	8:00-10:00
EE 153	Thursday	8:00-10:00
EM 160	Tuesday	8:00-10:00
Hist 112, 175, 176	Monday	1:30-3:30
Math 2	Tuesday	8:00-10:00
Math 6A-J	Wednesday	8:00-10:00
Math 8	Tuesday	8:00-10:00
Math 21, 22	Thursday	8:00-10:00
Math 204	Wednesday	8:00-10:00
Math 208	Monday	8:00-10:00
ME 208	Thursday	8:00-10:00
ME 211	Wednesday	1:30-3:30
ME 213	Tuesday	8:00-10:00
ME 219, 240, 242	Monday	8:00-10:00
ME 279	Monday	1:30-3:30
ME 280	Monday	1:30-3:30
Phys 23, 24	Wednesday	1:30-3:30
Pol Sci 90	Monday	1:30-3:30

III. Regular Finals

First Weekly Class Meeting	Final Exam Time
Monday 7:30	Monday 4:00-6:00
Monday 8:30	Monday 10:30-12:30
Monday 9:30	Tuesday 4:00-6:00
Monday 10:30	Thursday 10:30-12:30
Monday 11:30	Wednesday 10:30-12:30
Monday 12:30	Tuesday 1:30-3:30
Monday 1:30	Friday 8:00-10:00
Monday 2:30	Thursday 1:30-3:30
Tuesday 8:05 or 8:30	Thursday 4:00-6:00
Tuesday 9:30	Friday 10:30-12:30
Tuesday 10:30	Friday 4:00-6:00
Tuesday 11:05 or 11:30	Tuesday 10:30-12:30
Tuesday 12:30	Wednesday 4:00-6:00
Tuesday 1:30 or 2:05	Friday 1:30-3:30

According to the Student Academic Regulations all requests to change the final schedule because of conflicts or having three or more examinations scheduled on one day are to be made in the Registrar's Office at least one week before the beginning of the final examination week (Friday, December 1).

Fees

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stable salary for the secretaries.

—The Professional Projects Fund initially received \$.50 per student per semester, unchanged from last year. It appealed to StuCo and, in the end, received \$1.18 per student per semester. This fund is used to finance student competition projects, such as the solar car and SAE Formula One car.

—The Rollamo initially received \$12.20 per student per semester, up from \$12.00. It appealed to StuCo

and, in the end, received \$12.50 per student per semester to make up for a threefold increase in the amount of students requesting a refund on their yearbooks. Furthermore, the yearbook is now non-refundable for the 2001-2002 year.

—The St. Pat's Celebration Committee received \$2.00 per student per semester, unchanged from last year.

—Student Council received \$3.20 per student per semester, unchanged from last year.

—Student Union Board received \$17.49 per student per semester, up from \$14.90.

—The University Center received \$20.32 per student per semester, up from \$19.00.

The total student activity fees for the 2001-2002 school year will now be \$147.52, up from \$137.96.

The Capital Fund account, used to pay over a period of three years for onetime organization purchases that exceed \$5,000, was transferred from KMNR, which used the fund to purchase new equipment, to the Student

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Sports

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Swim team competes in two meets in two days

By TERA MCCALLUM

Assistant Sports Editor
of the Missouri Miner

The University of Missouri-Rolla men's swim team took on a big challenge this past weekend taking on Drury University on Friday in Springfield, Mo. and then traveling home on Saturday to take on Washington University.

The Miners did go into the meet on Friday with a few setbacks. The Miners knew that they were going to need their entire team ready to race on Friday if they were to be competitive. The Panthers of Drury University took the national title at the National Collegiate Athletics Association Division II Championships. Unfortunately the Miners went in knowing that they were not at full strength. The Miners made the trip to Springfield two swimmers short of their normal roster. Freshman Cagri Sapmaz, who has placed in the backstroke events in recent meets, was not able to swim as a result of an ear infection, and Vanja Dezelic, who has placed in distance freestyle events recently, was not able to make the trip as a result of a lab. In addition to swimmers not being able to compete, the Miners were also at a disadvantage in that the team did not field a diving team to compete against the Panthers divers. As a result the

Panthers received 26 uncontested points in the diving competition.

Despite these setbacks, the Miners were still able to put together a very competitive meet. The Miners started the meet with the team of Josh Jolly, Jack Pennuto, Jeremy Evans and Mike Lach who turned in their best time of the season in the 400-yard medley relay. The team turned in a time of 3:33.41, which was good for a second place finish, less than half a second behind the Drury team.

Dave Belleville stepped up for the Miners in the 50-freestyle to take the top spot. Belleville finished with a time of 21:04 beating out Drury's top swimmer.

"One of the standout performances of the meet was Dave Belleville's 50-freestyle. He was able to beat out Val Serafimov [of Drury] and just missed his A-cut for nationals," said Grooms.

Belleville's first place finish was the start of a run the Miners made of first place finishes. Jack Pennuto followed up Belleville's performance with two first place finishes. His first came in the 200-yard individual medley. Pennuto finished in a time of 1:57.32, his best time of the season. Pennuto then kept the Miners momentum going in the 200-yard butterfly taking first again with a time of 1:57.27, also a top time for him in the event. Teammate Paul Adams

touched the wall just behind Pennuto with a time of 1:59.19 to take second place overall in the event. Jeff Raggett touched in with a time of 2:00.66 to take the third place spot for the Miners to give the team a one, two, three finish.

The Miners would close out the meet with a first place finish in the 400-yard freestyle relay as the team of Belleville, Sean O'Donnel, Evans, and Lach would touch the wall in a time of 3:12.02, the best time of the season for the team.

Overall the Miners would finish with 99 points while the Panthers of Drury would finish with 132.

"They ended up beating us by 33 points, 26 of which were diving which were uncontested," said Grooms, "so overall they out swam us by seven points. With Cagri and Vanja there it probably would have been about even and possible we could have won. It is still a loss as far as the dual meet goes, but to be able to out swim them head to head made a big difference to us."

With very little rest the men then traveled back home for the last home meet of the semester. The Miners took on the Division III swim team Bears of Washington University. The Miners knew that the team would not present as much competition as Drury had presented to them, but the Miners would be working under more exhaustion than the well-rested Bears.



Freshman Jack Pennuto comes into a turn during his first place finish in the 400-yard individual medley. The first place finish was just one of Pennuto's four top finishes. The Miners won their meet Saturday against Washington University 116-86.
photo by Mike Droszcz

The Miners did not let exhaustion slow them down for the meet though as they came out strong in the first event of the day. The team of Seth Aldrich, Evans, Pennuto and Belleville teamed up to take the first place in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:37.15.

The distance swimmers would then take over as Scott Massengale, Dezelic and John Cochran would

team up to take the second, third and fourth places, respectively in the 1,650-yard freestyle.

Belleville would once again start off the first place finishes for the Miners, as he would take the top spot in the following event, the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:45.82. Teammate Mike Lach would then

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Miners drop final game of the season 20-7 to Missouri Southern

By SONDRRA TERRY

of the Missouri Miner

The Grand Finale wasn't so grand as the Miner football team lost its last game against Missouri Southern on Saturday, Nov. 11, which was Senior Day here in Rolla. This was the last chance the Miners had to break the 0-8 losing streak in MIAA play.

The Miners entered their season finale at 2-8 overall. They dropped their eighth straight game Saturday, Nov. 4, when they lost 70-7 to the top-ranked team in the NCAA Division II, Northwest Missouri State. The Bearcats scored touchdowns on each of their seven first half possessions to build a 49-0 lead by the intermission.

While the Miners had lost eight straight contests, Missouri Southern entered Saturday's contest with a five-game losing streak. The Lions had a record of 1-9 overall and 1-7 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. They were assured of

their lowest win total in a season since 1986 with only one victory heading into their finale.

The game started off on a good note, with the Miners making the first score of the game. Scott Brown's thirty-eight yard pass to Darron Boyer was good for the touchdown with about six minutes off the clock. The Miner's Alex Mendrygal made the successful kick attempt. This would be the only scoring the Miners would see in this game.

The next score came from Missouri Southern, when the Lion's Isaac Plumb made a two-yard rush for the touchdown with about five minutes left in the first quarter. Missouri Southern's Jeff Hansen's kick attempt was good to tie the score at seven in the end of the first.

With the rough playing in the second quarter there was no scoring until the last forty seconds of the first half. Missouri Southern's Josh Chapman made a good pass to Rodney McClure for nine yards for the touchdown. The kick attempt by Jeff

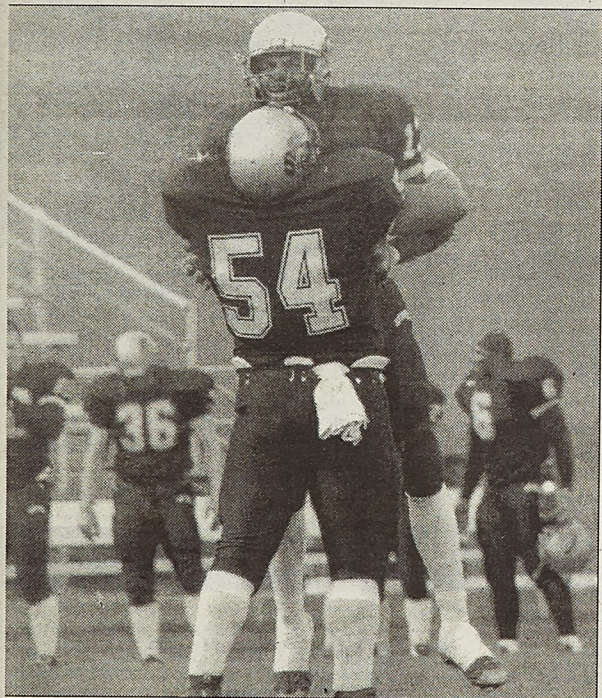
Hansen failed. This ended the first half with the Miners behind, 13-7. Along with the third quarter came no scoring.

The fourth quarter brought more bad news for the Miners. With about five minutes left in the game, Missouri Southern's Jon Ludtke made a sixteen-yard rush for the touchdown. The following point was added with a successful kick from Jeff Hansen. This brought the score to 20-7. There was no more scoring in the game.

Although this was it for the Miners, many of the team members produced some extraordinary results. Ken Okwuonu entered Saturday's game with 807 yards, needing just 197 to reach the one-thousand-yard mark for the second year in a row. Although this goal was not met, with his seventy-one yards on Saturday, Okwuonu remained in fourth place in the MIAA in rushing with an average of 80.3 yards per game.

Freshman quarterback Scott

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Senior Chris White lifts senior Sam Petty during their final game as Miners. UMR lost its final game of the season on Saturday 20-7 to Missouri Southern. photo by Mike Droszcz

Miner Sports Recap

Women's Soccer:

UMR 1
Quincy 0
Sunday, Oct. 29

Libby Stephenson 1 goal
Ana Mora 3 saves
UMR 16 shots on goal

UMR 2
Missouri Southern 0
Wednesday, Nov. 1

Denise McMillan 1 goal
Jessica Shultz 1 goal
Lizz Szkrybalo 1 assist
Libby Stephenson 1 assist

Men's Soccer:

UMR 3
Missouri Southern 2
Wednesday, Nov. 1

John McQueary 1 goal, 1 assist
Mass Jassin 1 goal
Nathan Wojcik 1 goal
John career points and goals
UMR 1

Rockhurst 2
Saturday, Nov. 4

Greg Naslund 1 goal
Todd Wilfing 2 saves
UMR 9 shots on goal

Football:

UMR 7
Missouri Southern 20
Saturday, Nov. 11

UMR 7 0 0 0 - 7
NWMSU 7 6 0 7 - 20

Offense:

Ken Okwuonu 20 carries
for 32 yards
Darron Boyer 2 receptions
for 55 yards, 1 TD

Defense:

Drew Bullocks 1 interception
for 17 yards
Dennis Gregory 10 tackles
Jason Elrod 10 tackles

Swimming:

UMR 99
Drury 132
Friday, Nov. 10

Dave Belleville - 1st 50-
freestyle
Jack Pennuto - 1st 200-
yard individual medley, 1st
200-yard butterfly

UMR 116
Wash U 86
Saturday, Nov. 11

200-yard medley relay -
1st
Mike Lach - 50-yard
freestyle

Basketball opens season this week with men at home

By ANTONE SMITH
of the Missouri Miner

As the temperature begins to drop, one can be assured that winter is on its way. UMR's sports will move indoor with the basketball season beginning soon. The Lady Miners will be the first to start their season as they will play in the Missouri Western Riverfront Classic on Nov. 17-18 in St. Joseph, Mo. Their opening night opponent will be Kentucky State University. The Lady Miners will then have their home opener a week later on Nov. 24 against Evangel University. The Miners will start their season Nov. 18 at home against William Penn College.

The 1999-2000 men's basketball season was not a glorious one as the Miners finished 10th in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association with a 1-17 record in the conference and 6-19 overall. Last season began on a good note as the Miners were 5-2 before they began conference play. The Miners then had a losing streak of 8 games that was followed by a losing streak of 9 games. In between the two losing streaks, the Miners defeated Washburn University who was second in the conference.

The Miners have been selected to finish 8th in the pre-season poll. Head coach Dale Martin knows that the Miners have a hard schedule and are lacking in depth, but is hoping to do better than the poll. "Our goal is to improve game-by-game," says Martin. Martin is also hoping that a group of four seniors (Kasim Withers, Eric Harris, Scott Holly, and Ben Wood) can lead the Miners to a season that will

spring a new run of success for the program. Martin also stated, "We lost eight games by six points or less last season. We could have gotten over the hump in a lot of those games if we had an inside player who was a threat. With the addition of Brian Westre (Clayton, Mo.) and Bob Tebbe (Highland, Ill./Mater Dei), it should make it a lot easier on our perimeter players on the offensive end."

Westre, who was an all-metro selection in the St. Louis area, and Tebbe, a transfer from Southwestern Illinois College, will try to help the Miners improve inside. Martin is also hoping for contributions from Curt Eggen (Jefferson City, Mo./Helias), a 6-9 redshirt freshman who practiced with the squad last season.

"We did a pretty good job defending the perimeter last season," he said. "The biggest problem we had came on boards, where teams were getting second shots and that really hurt us in a number of those close games."

While the Miners look to revamp the inside game, they are looking for continued improvement at the guard positions. One of the Miners' top scorers is back in Kasim Withers (St. Paul, Minn./Central), who had 12.7 points per game. Scott Holly (Alamogordo, N.M.), who averaged 15.7 points per game last year is another top scorer from last season but is in question of returning. Holly has a leg injury and had a MRI on Monday, but the results were not available at the time of publication. Pending good results, Martin hopes that duo and the added year in the program for two other returners, Eric Harris (Clearwater, Fla./Largo) and Ben Wood (Villisca, Iowa), can pay dividends.

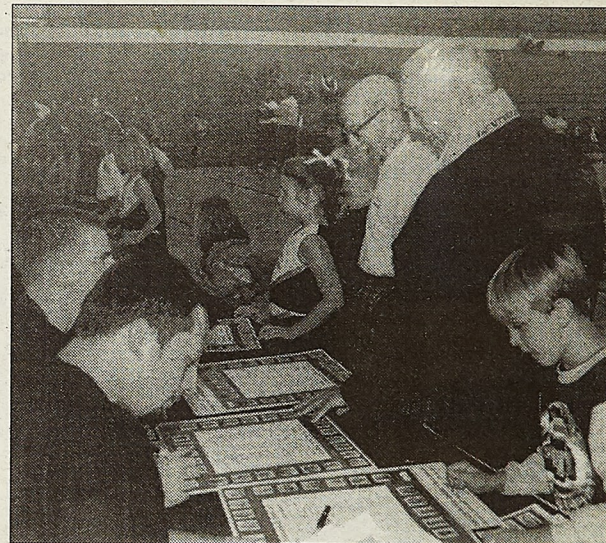
"We think that we have a pretty good base of players on the perimeter," Martin said. "Scott and Kasim are established players in the MIAA and will have a large role in whatever success we have this season. With a year under their belts, Ben and Eric should be better players for us this season."

Holly and Withers earned honorable mention All-MIAA honors last season, while Harris scored in double figures for much of the season until finished at 8.6 points a game. Wood averaged 4.6 points a contest, but he missed the first month of the season with a broken hand and never got untracked until the last month of the campaign when he became a regular in the starting lineup.

The Lady Miners will begin to rebuild and will attempt to begin a new tradition of winning at the University of Missouri-Rolla this winter, as the Lady Miners will field a team that will include seven freshmen. That's not to say that the returners won't have a role, as the three returning seniors and a sophomore who was a part-time starter a year ago will also be counted on to help the Lady Miners improve on last year's 8th place finish in the MIAA. The Lady Miners were 5-13 in the conference and 7-20 overall last season.

Despite the loss of leading scorer Janel McNeal, who was named to the All-MIAA second team last season, UMR head coach Linda Roberts is hoping to have a better season. Roberts is counting on improvement from the four upperclassmen as well as a number of the freshmen to get the Lady Miners back into the MIAA.

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Aaron McNeil (foreground), Mark Young (behind) and the rest of the Miner basketball team signed autographs for fans at Meet the Miners Thursday night. The men's basketball team opens their season this Saturday against William Penn at home.
photo by Mike Droszcz

Miner Match-up

Men's Basketball

UMR vs. William Penn
Sat., Nov. 18
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Students with political opinions

By SARAH COWAN
of the Missouri Miner

As the entire nation awaits the final results of the Presidential election, whenever they may come, questions and controversy abound. Should Florida have a re-vote? Is the process working? Is the Electoral College necessary? What does the world think about all of this? These questions, and countless others, are uniting the nation as well as bitterly dividing it.

In brief, the nation does not know who the next President of the United States will be. It seems that the fate of the nation rests on Florida, and could rest on a judge's decision regarding the ballot in West Palm Beach County, Florida. Of the roughly 53 percent of the voting population in the US that voted on Tuesday, 48 percent voted for George W. Bush and 48 percent voted for Al Gore. The election results are so close that Florida's ballots are going to be recounted, again.

While the nation waits for the results of the recount, many issues are being debated. Should there be an amendment to the constitution regarding the Electoral College? What is in store for the nation over the next four years? Will Jean Car-nahan be allowed to take office? How will the election of Hilary Clinton change New York? These questions, and others, are being discussed on every major news program in the United States, and everyone has an opinion.

The students at the University of Missouri-Rolla have their opinions as well. A survey of students who were born in the U.S. shows the controversy that plagues the nation.

31 percent of the students surveyed said they identify with a political party. Of them, 80 percent consider themselves Republican, which is 25 percent overall. This gives some insight into the political ideology of the students at UMR. To

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Great accents and acting in 'Fools'

By SARAH COWAN
of the Missouri Miner

On Thursday, Nov. 9, 'Fools' debuted on the campus of the University of Missouri—Rolla. This play by Neil Simon featured ten UMR students as people in the village of Kulyenchikov in the Ukraine in 1890. The play, directed by John Woodfin, was a production worthy of praise.

The costumes, provided by Broadway Costumes, Inc. were wonderful. They truly set the mood and added to the up-beat climate of the entire play. Each character was outfitted with authentic Russian garb and each feature flowed wonderfully with the character's personality.

Light Design, headed by Chris Essig, and Sound Design, headed by Ron Chin, came together to accent the production. Technical Director Dave Nuss also did a wonderful job with his crew. The set was amazing and Dr. Byrne Blackwood did a beautiful job with the design.

The play was done in two acts with a 15-minute intermission between. Before the first act and during intermission, jugglers Travis Hebner, Tim Madden, and Nick Streeter entertained the audience. Their antics kept the audience lively and in high spirits.

Leon Tolchinsky played by Kenton Williston was my favorite character. Williston did a great job keeping a Russian accent throughout the play. His skills as an actor made him a wonderful schoolmaster in this production.

Nick Skupnik played Snetsky. Skupnik was a fun character and did a good job of making the audience remember him.

Nick White played the Magistrate. His make-up was convincing and his voice made the audience believe that he truly was the town's oldest resident.

Julio Montes played Slovtich, the butcher. Montes was funny and memorable. We will definitely see him in future productions.

Kyle Lampe played Mishkin, the postman. He did a good job of putting himself into character. His accent was well rehearsed and convincing.

Sandi Smith was Yenchna, the vendor. Smith was very funny. She took her character to the max. I look forward to seeing her on stage in the future.

Keith Gittemeier played Dr. Nicolai Zubritsky. Gittemeier never missed a beat. He kept his accent throughout the production. He was aware of his every move and never went out of character. He was great to watch because his actions and facial expressions were always on target.

Lenya Zubritsky, the wife of the good Dr. Zubritsky was played by Becky Wayman. Wayman was fully aware of her actions at all times, but her accent was lacking. There were times when she got a bit out of character and lost the accent. All in all, she was good, but I don't feel that she was well suited for the role.

Christina Eck played Sophia Zubritsky, the daughter of the doctor and the love of Tolchinsky. Eck did a good job with her accent. I don't know what it was about her, but I just couldn't get myself to like the character. She didn't have a lot of depth, but that was the point. Eck did a lovely job.

Nick Morton played Count Yousekevitch, the man who lived on the hill and caused the villagers to tremble. Morton was great. I loved watching him. His voice is well suited for the stage and I cannot wait to see him again. I would like to see him in a musical because his voice is truly amazing.

'Fools' was a wonderful play. I encourage everyone to see UMR's production of 'My Fair Lady'. If it is as well done as 'Fools' was, it will be a hit.



Neil Simon's play, Fools, opened Nov. 9. Actors were played by students and directed by John Woodfin.

photo courtesy of John Woodfin

CD Review: Lollipop Lust Kill's madness

By REBECCA LEXA
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Lollipop Lust Kill - Motel Murder Madness

If you missed Lollipop Lust Kill's (LLK) concert November 4, shame on you! You missed one of the best, most aggressively enjoyable metal bands in existence. These guys have an excellent stage presence and give their fans a show full of addictive, belligerent music with an almost palpable energy.

For those of you who missed out, though, there is LLK's CD, "Motel Murder Madness." This is by far one of the hardest compilations to be found, matching some awesome voices with highly talented musicians. These guys don't just scream and twang—they snarl, growl and sing, while bringing out complex instrumental flourishes.

It's nearly impossible to keep from headbanging to these creations (more than one UMR student was complaining of sore neck muscles

the day after the concert), and no metal crowd can resist a good mosh pit, as LLK proved that night.

The sextet hails from Toledo, Ohio, and consists of primary vocalist Evvy Pedder, guitarists Dead Greg and Dr. Distorto, D. Human on bass, R. Cynic on drums, and Killer K taking care of keyboards and assorted samplers. Their music is violent and even offensive to some, but from the LLK website: "Any references to sexual mayhem, violence, and/or murder are purely for entertainment purposes. This means that LLK does not condone harming, raping, killing, or pillaging anyone or anything." Sad that such a disclaimer is necessary, but it is needed for those who cannot separate fantasy from reality.

"Check-In Time (Intro)" is a truly disturbing opener, yet appropriate. Accented by strings and sound effects such as closing doors, it features a scream-queen voice worthy of any bad B-rated horror flick and the high-pitched "Psycho" theme. This leads into "Ted," one of the best songs on the CD. "Ted" has

an awesome guitar riff throughout it carried by excellent, variant rhythm. It's a very energetic song that would fit in perfectly in any of a number of the 80s horror movies: "You're all alone in my crazy world/My sweet, defenseless little girl."

A similar theme runs through "The Perfect Woman" which opens with a snaky guitar solo accompanied by weeping. The obsession continues: "You know I like it so you play the game/You play it so well but it's not the same...You know that death becomes you." The tempo doesn't change much, but it's a nice respite from the super-speed that some of the songs get. It's far from boring however, with more nice instrumental work.

"Bury You" is highly reminiscent of Marilyn Manson's "The Beautiful People." The tempo in the first part is fairly similar, as is the whispered intro and the rather monotone growl-chant accompanied by heavy bass drumming. This doesn't make it a bad song, however.

see Lollipop, page 11

Adventuretime Movie Review: Tombstone rises above the average cowboy movies

By JOSH MARTIN
Assistant Features Editor
of the Missouri Miner

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The westerns that your parents watched were a lot different than the ones that Hollywood has produced in recent years. In the sixties and seventies, cowboy movies could be sure to deliver a predictable plot, a lot of gunfights, and a seemingly indestructible main character. The new generation of western movies tries to get a little closer to how things were more than a century ago. In these movies, people actually reload, and when someone gets shot, they don't seem to just walk it off. Of this generation of movies, *Tombstone*, starring Kurt Russell and Val Kilmer, is one of the best.

The movie involves the famous gunfight at the OK corral, but it covers more than just those few minutes. The story begins when Wyatt Earp and his brothers go to Tombstone in attempt to make money. Eventually, they are, of course, dragged into a conflict with a local outlaw gang called the Cowboys. The shootout at the corral ends with a victory for the Earps and Doc Holliday, but the movie does not stop there. It goes on to depict the violent conflict with the outlaws that followed.

Tombstone does not make a hero out of any of its characters. It even acknowledges the fact that Wyatt Earp used his position as a marshal to ruthlessly slaughter the Cowboys. The film may be based on historical events, but it is far from predictable. Although most people know how the ending goes, the plot remains suspenseful. Overall it is a well-done movie with great acting and interesting characters. If your not squeamish about violent movies, this is a good one to rent.

Grease & Gears:

Great imports to come

By JOSH MARTIN
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Over the past few years we have seen the release of some interesting automobiles in the U.S. Some have been quirky and nostalgic, like the New Beetle and the PT Cruiser, and others have been quick and powerful, like the Corvette Z06 and the Ford Cobra SVT. After reading and poking around the internet a while, I discovered two more such cars that are to be imported within the next couple of years: the Mini Cooper and the Subaru WRX.

Yes, you read that right, the Mini is coming back, although it looks to be as closely related to the sixties version as the New Beetle is to its predecessor. Considering the fact that the old Mini was highly regarded as both basic transportation and as a performance car, I was wondering which direction the newest iteration would take.

After looking at the car's website, <http://www.mini.com>, the answer appears to be neither. Instead, the marketing aims at directly at generation X. I found plenty of pictures of the outside of the car and of people dressed in trendy clothing, but I could not even locate horsepower figures for the Mini Cooper. I did, however, find out that the engine will be a 1.6 liter, a size which does not exactly scream high performance. From the advertising, it seems like a small PT Cruiser, a vehicle that looks good but doesn't have the speed to back the appearance up. This might be an accurate prediction if the new Mini was not to be made by BMW.

BMW has an excellent reputation of building cars that balance performance and comfort well, and I wouldn't expect anything too shabby from them. All sources I could locate said the Mini Cooper should be in the U.S. by 2002.

The WRX, on the other hand, should be available here as a 2001 model. This car has been sold in Japan for years now, and has acquired an awesome reputation for affordable performance. In Japanese trim, the car makes almost 250 horsepower, which is a lot for a car that is based on the little Impreza. According to Automobile magazine, we in the states will only get between 220 or 230 horsepower because of stricter emissions laws. As much as the decrease in power stinks, it is nothing the aftermarket won't be able to fix. Import enthusiasts love this car, so I would expect a large number of upgrades to be available after its release.

The car's other attributes, such as its light weight, all-wheel-drive, and capable handling will hopefully be there out of the box, though. Through all of my looking around I didn't find any sources that spoke of changes, besides the loss of power, to the U.S. spec. model.

It seems that history repeats itself. Hopefully we will see a new era of Japanese sports cars that can rival the days of the RX7 and the Supra, and we are certainly seeing the revival of automotive styles that were once considered dead. For car freaks, it's always interesting to see something new hit the market, and I can't wait to get a closer look at these two models when they finally get here.

Humor:

Delectable dining delights for students as new Chinese restaurant opens doors

By MARMADUKE GUMP
of the Missouri Miner

To compliment the large number of fast food restaurants in the metropolitan Rolla area, the Yang Tchi Food Service Company has announced the Grand Opening of the Diced Cat family restaurant. The Diced Cat is located at 10th street and Kingshighway. With the presentation of identification, all UMR students will get a 20% discount on all meals.

The Cat offers a wide variety of traditional and modern Chinese cuisine, a large drink selection, including soft drinks, teas, and local wines, as well as a dessert buffet. To see a collection of dinner specials, see the condensed menu at the end of this column.

Dr. Yeng Wu of Beijing, China started the Yang Tchi Food Service in 1982 as the Yang Tchi Snack Food and Biomedical Waste Corporation. His first restaurant opened in Detroit, Michigan in 1987 with only three customers visiting the first day. Wu spoke to the Missouri Miner about those fledgling first-days of work.

"I hoped very much that I would succeed in selling American automotive workmen food worthy of their efforts. It was a very slow start, and many nights I brandished my chi kung and nearly attempted Feng Shui. But now, I see my efforts afforded me strength to endure and start a thriving company."

Dr. Wu speaks from almost 15 years of restaurant management experience. After arsonists burned his first three failed restaurants in the Midwest, Wu moved to Charleston, South Carolina where his feline delicacies made him an instant hit. After converting his business into a mostly-food-service operation, Wu focused his attention on preserving the ancient arts of cat preparation.

A rising number of heart disease cases, coupled by en vogue dining trends, are forcing many to rethink eating cat. That is why the Diced Cat offers a selection of "cat-free" foods.

Today, the Diced Cat represents the pinnacle in Chinese cat cuisine for Dr. Wu and his company. Said Wu, "Many companies have resorted to dog, or even bovine meats to make up for the small American cat population. Not we: Yang Tchi stands by its feline standard."

Nevertheless, Americans are having a hard time coping with the health risks associated with cat food. A rising number of heart disease cases,

coupled by en vogue dining trends, are forcing many to rethink eating cat. That is why the Diced Cat offers a selection of "cat-free" foods. "We want all Americans to be able to enjoy a high quality meal in a family environment, without worrying about one's health."

The Diced Cat is open weekdays from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and weekends from noon to midnight. Dr. Yeng Wu offers a year's supply of his world famous Cat Rangoon to one-lucky family to be chosen from this month's guests. To sign up, just spend more than \$10 on a meal (cat-free meals not included) to have your name entered. Winners will be chosen Dec. 15.

Why go to graduate school?

By CHAD COLE

of the Missouri Miner

"Graduate school, baby, oh yeah, it's going to be a fun time!" I wouldn't have said that statement four months ago, when I was researching which great company I would be working for next May. Luckily, I happened upon some good advice, and now my entire outlook on the next years of my life have taken an adventuresome turn! It is now my duty to pass on some great information to the less enlightened students among the UMR student body. The following information is aimed at both those who have already decided to go to graduate school, and especially for anyone who might never have given the idea any consideration. In this article, I will present some personal reasons why I just recently made the decision to continue my education, and I will try to dispel some of the common misconceptions that students may have on the subject of graduate school.

So, let's get to the real point here: What would cause a soon-to-be graduating UMR senior to give up an insanely large starting salary, and instead decide to spend another two to seven years sweating bullets at a graduate school? The life of an engineer/scientist should be a life-long learning experience. With the speed that technology is advancing, the professionals that do not stand their ground in the fight for gaining new knowledge in their field, will surely die on the career battlefield. Graduate school is the perfect transitional stage from undergraduate learning to mastering the business world applications of that knowledge. The key to understanding this is to realize that graduate school is a business.

The business practices of graduate school are the same as in any money-making operation - Supply and demand rule, where the schools that do not recruit the best and the brightest, will surely lose their footing on that great and holy scale, the U.S. News and World Report rankings. As the supply of qualified workers is not nearly large enough to fill the job openings in high technology companies, the demand for less-than-stellar candidates (i.e. engineering graduates of MU, SMS, SEMO, etc.) is much greater than during a period where the demand for technical employees is slower. On the same note, the booming economy of the U.S. is also a great boon for those sub-spectacular students who want to enter into graduate school. The huge number of lucrative job positions available in the industrial world for recent engineering graduates, are sucking out all of the talent from the graduate student ranks across the universities in this country. With such a dearth of American graduate students in these institutions, the demand far exceeds the supply, and now is the perfect time to apply to

these schools, because even the students with lower G.P.A.'s and G.R.E. scores are very sought after.

Ok, so it's clear how desperate schools are for graduate students; now I must convince the reader to take advantage of this great fact. Wait, one more myth looms ahead, the misinformed idea that graduate school in engineering costs money. Are you afraid of the financial implications of attending more school? Don't worry. While stock-options and six figures are nowhere in sight of any graduate schools that I know of, the school will provide enough to live on comfortably and probably even enough to begin to pay back debt accrued as an undergraduate. Some schools are more generous than others, and to secure the best deal, you may have to barter around. Although graduate school is not quite "the real world," it is still a business and to get the best treatment, you have to acknowledge it as such, and keep your entrepreneurial skills sharp.

The work and class load that a graduate student immerses himself in is almost entirely what interests him. In contrast to a normal job, a grad student doesn't have a boss overlooking her at every moment, determining exactly what her tasks will be. The student has a very broad range of research areas that can be explored, with the limits being only on imagination and funding. In most cases, the interaction between a sponsoring faculty member and graduate student is on more equal ground than the often one-sided relationship between boss and employee.

Fun. The College environment evokes creativity and free thought. The whole point of college is to expand your consciousness and enjoy new activities. The best colleges have a cultured mix of students, with activities covering the entire board of interests. These schools are hosts to so many different events: concerts, athletic competitions, plays, exciting speakers, student groups and discussions. There are limitless exhilarating opportunities for fun in a college environment. For those who thoroughly enjoyed the college experience, why let it stop after just a BS degree?

Adventure. I am only twenty-one years old. When I graduate, that figure will be twenty-two, which is the same age that most of you will be when receiving your degrees. You've all had jobs - whether they be coops and internships, or "May I take your order, please?," they are all mostly structured and monotonous. A life-sucking daily grind. Those kinds of jobs will always be waiting. Since we're only young once, why not take this time to explore the exciting adventure of graduate school?

This is a chance to be around lots of other young, adventuresome, open-minded students, with interests and thoughts similar to your own. Even the most liberal, youthful, job environments are plagued by closed-minded managers. The adventure of graduate school is entirely your own to create. The freedom it allows can be taken advantage of to see the world. There are great programs of study in foreign countries. There are so many areas of the United States that have strong graduate programs. Most research will require a student to travel around to different conferences to present their research. Pleasure travel is very easy to fit into graduate life, because of the freedom in organizing a work schedule. Also, don't ever forget the many school breaks and vacations that are included in a normal school year.

There is only so much that I can write in this article to persuade you to consider graduate school. I hope to have ignited a spark of interest that will propel you forward, towards your own research on the topic. The internet is a great tool for finding more information about graduate school life. Faculty at this school are probably the best resources, since they have all been through the process before. They are almost all excited about answering your questions on the subject, especially if you want to attend UMR for graduate studies. Although graduate school is not the best option for everybody, it should be seriously thought over by all, and I sincerely hope that you do that.

Next issue will bring more grad school info, so stay tuned!

Elections

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further explain how these students feel, 63% say they voted in the election held on Nov. 7.

Of the students surveyed, 19 percent say the Electoral College is effective and necessary. 50 percent say it is unnecessary and 31 percent are undecided. These students were asked to comment on their decision.

"This country is made up of United States," said student Scott Geer, "not united individuals. So, each state, not individuals, should elect the president."

An anonymous student agrees. "The Electoral College was put in place for many reasons, but today the biggest one is to preserve the voice of every state. Without the Electoral College, candidates would only campaign in the large states and no one would look out for small states. Since we have the Electoral College, candidates need 270 votes to win, and that means every vote counts."

Student Dave Bryant has a different view. "In an age of technology we are able to determine the popular vote as soon as the polls close in some places. There is no necessity to have the electoral votes when using the popular vote would be more democratic," Bryant said.

Bryan Cannon, a student who is undecided regarding the necessity of the Electoral College said, "I disagree with the idea that the masses are not smart enough or informed enough to directly elect the president, however history has shown that people will vote for the most popular, not the most able."

Besides the issue of the Electoral College, students were asked to give their reaction to the election of Hillary Clinton. Approximately 54 percent of the students surveyed feel her election is of no concern.

"I don't live in New York so it is not my concern," said Michael Lubiewski.

Jessica Marshall said, "I think it's cool that she was elected."

Senior Jarred Crouch said, "I believe you should live in a state for a few years before you are able to represent the people in that state."

The election of Clinton to the U.S. Senate was a story that captured the interest of the nation. The nation was also captured by the election of the late Mel Carnahan to the U.S. Senate from the State of Missouri. Students were asked for their reaction to this election and the reactions are evenly divided. 50 percent were glad Carnahan was elected and 50 percent were either unhappy or thought a deceased person should not have been on a legal ballot.

"I think it shows how much people liked Carnahan," said student Joe Gamelin.

Eric Rosener said, "Ashcroft should have won; he's still breathing. You shouldn't be able to vote for someone who is deceased."

In reaction to Carnahan's election Adam Vaughn said, "I think it was a nice sentiment, but it was improper to be made in the voting booth. Carnahan is clearly unable to perform his duties in office."

Missouri votes have been counted and John Ashcroft has conceded the election, but no one has conceded in the presidential race.

"I think the presidential race is certainly interesting," said Lubiewski. Most students were not this easy going when it came to the question of the election of the President.

"I think the entire race should be done over," said student Andrea Keller. "There were a lot of people turned away at the polls or who did not vote correctly."

No one dares to predict what will happen in the U.S. in the next few months, or who will become the 43rd President of the United States. The nation and the world lay in wait and the controversy continues.

Lollipop

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It's one of the most vividly lyrical songs: "This moment is the rest of your lie/I'm comin' at ya with a kitchen knife." That line simply drags graphic images into the mind of anyone with an imagination.

How many metal bands can resist the chance to poke fun at organized, patriarchal religion? Not many, and LLK isn't an exception. Granted, "Jesus Chrysler" isn't quite as dead set on being religiously offensive as, say, Ministry's "Jesus Built My Hotrod" of similar spirit, but it's suitably irreverent. "Priest in a crimson collar, running through the desert in the Jesus Chrysler." It's also a great driv-

ing song—if you drive pedal-to-the-metal, that is.

To get the full effect of that song, be sure to listen to the end of "Killgreedy," which contains the intro to "Jesus Chrysler." A soft, Southern voice states, accompanied by an acoustic guitar in a minor key, "You talk about Je-Je-Jesus and people will come...I saw the people for what they were—they were kinda like my prey...kinda like driving through the desert with nothing in my way...you can do anything you want to, as long as you use Je-Je-Jesus as your vehicle through life." The song then speeds into "Jesus Chrysler." Taken on its own, the monologue isn't that bad—but pair it with the following song and it has a whole new meaning.

"Killgreedy" itself is a slower song, but still not lacking in LLK's edge and does speed up for the last section. It also has some cool techno-style sam-

ples in it and the guitars resonate perfectly. Don't miss the sweet bass backer, either—it helps to carry this song along, as with all the others.

Oh, and don't forget to check out the extra, hidden 12th track. No secrets revealed here, other than that it's one of the best tracks on this compilation—don't miss it! Song 11, "Check-Out Time (Outro)," morbidly charming in its own right, isn't too long so there's not much of a wait.

All in all, LLK has one great album here. The guys play hard and the effort is evident, as their quality is up there with the greats. Need something besides White Zombie to practice your headbanging to? Need a great energy release along with Pantera or Cannibal Corpse? Don't even think about passing up LLK, then—after all, everyone needs a little bit o' Burgess's ultra-violence now and then.

Student Life

Great American Smokeout

By JILL STEINEMAN

of Student Health Services

For the past 23 years, the American Cancer Society (ACS) has sponsored The Great American Smokeout, which is designed to encourage smokers to quit smoking for a day and hopefully forever. This year's event is set for Thursday, Nov. 16. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), there are 48 million adults who currently smoke and nearly 70 percent of these smokers want to quit. Additionally, 70 percent of adolescents who currently smoke report they wish they had never started.

Most everyone knows that tobacco use is not the healthiest habit, but few realize how devastating the effects of smoking can be. Each year, 430,700 Americans die from the effects of cigarette smoking. This is more people than die from AIDS, drunk driving, homicides, and suicides combined, making smoking the number one preventable cause of death in the United States.

Some may wonder why the 70 percent of smokers who want to quit don't just stop smoking. Although

this sounds ideal, the issue is much more complicated. Not only is smoking a difficult behavioral habit to break, the physical addiction to nicotine can be as strong as the addiction to heroin and cocaine. Despite this, there are a number of things that a smoker can do to increase the chances of successfully quitting:

1. Make a decision and a commitment to quit smoking. Write down all of the reasons you want to quit. Each time you crave a cigarette, look at this list and remind yourself why you've made the decision to stop smoking.
2. Set a quit date and stick to it.
3. Gradually decrease the number of cigarettes smoked so that you are smoking very few cigarettes by the time your quit date rolls around.
4. Designate your own "no smoking" areas such as your car or bedroom.
5. Consult a physician for more information about nicotine replacement therapy and other pharmaceutical interventions.
6. Surround yourself with people who are supportive of your decision to quit.

7. Avoid areas where it will be difficult to not smoke.

8. Exercise - it will help relieve the anxiety associated with smoking cessation.

9. Take the money that you would normally use to purchase cigarettes and reward yourself for quitting.

10. Be patient, it takes the average smoker 4 to 5 attempts before permanently quitting. With each attempt, you increase the odds of quitting for good.

Now for the good news: Of college students surveyed in 1999, 71 percent chose not to smoke cigarettes. This means that if you're a non-smoker, you are in the majority! Furthermore, 89 percent of students said that they would rather date a non-smoker (American College Health Association, 1999.) If you don't smoke, take this opportunity to renew your commitment to staying healthy and tobacco-free. You'll smell better, save money, and have whiter teeth to show for it.

If you would like more information about how to quit, please contact student health at 341-4225 or www.umsr.edu/~umrshs.

Fall Film Series presents

Next Tuesday, Nov. 18, the University of Missouri - Rolla Film Festival will present *Magnolia*. Directed by Paul Thomas Anderson.

Starring Jason Robards, Julianne Moore, Tom Cruise. On one random day in the San Fernando Valley, a dying father, a young wife, a male caretaker, a famous lost son, a police officer in love, a boy genius, an ex-boy genius, a game show host and an estranged daughter will each become part of a dazzling multiplicity of plots, but one story. Through a collusion of coincidence, chance, human action, shared media, past history and divine intervention they will weave and warp through each other's lives on a day that builds to an unforgettable climax. Some will seek forgiveness, others escape. Some will mend frayed bonds, others will be exposed. R-1999.



All films are screened at 7:00 pm on Tuesday's in Leach Theatre, Castleman Hall, unless noted otherwise.

Movies still to come for the remainder of the semester include:

Nov. 18 (8 p.m. Saturday) - *MAGNOLIA*

Nov. 28 - *THE NAVIGATOR*

Dec. 5 - *MIDWINTER'S TALE*

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St. Pat's Committee:

St. Pat's annual parade brings campus and community together

By NATHANIEL DAVIS

of the St. Pat's Committee

Throughout the years, the St. Pat's Parade has been one of the most anticipated events of the entire celebration. It is through this parade that we have our greatest interaction with the community.

However, the parade is one of the hardest events to complete successfully. This is because the St. Pat's Committee cannot accomplish the parade alone.

We require campus involvement to make this parade a success.

The parade first started as an improvised event

to move the very first St Pat from the train depot to Norwood hall.

From that humble beginning it has progressed into a complex, organized event of numerous entries progressing down a freshly painted street.

When asked about the parade, Jason Reddy, in charge of the St. Pat's Float and Parade Committee, had this to say: "The parade has always been a huge attraction, drawing huge crowds of people. For the parade to continue to be a success, I need everyone's help." He proceeded to explain how everyone could help out.

If you belong to an organization that has a project they would like to show off to campus and the community, or if you just want to get your name out, then submit your organization for a non-float entry.

"If you belong to an organization that has a project they would like to show off to campus and the community, or if you just want to get your name out, then submit your organization for a non-float entry. For everyone not participating in the parade, come out and watch the parade."

Freshmen, each one armed with their shillelaghs or walking sticks, are highly encouraged to participate in the Dutch Army segment of the Parade.

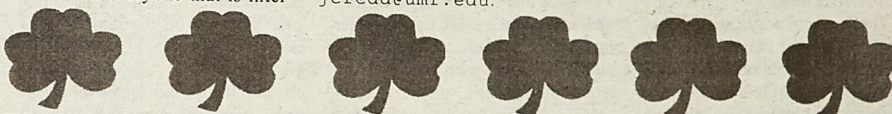
Between the current number of float entries and the expected

number of non-float entries, we expect to have a good parade this year.

This year's parade will be held Saturday March 17, 2001 at 11 am. For everyone that is inter-

ested in being part of a non-float entry, or that wishes to submit an entry for their organization, contact Jason Reddy by phone at 458-2031 or by email at jerredd@umr.edu.

We hope to have a great parade this year, and hopefully your organization can help make the parade an enormous success.



TIP OF THE WEEK FROM THE

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Are you having Profile Problems when logging into CLC computers?

Sources for this problem include (1) your quota, your S: drive, approaching the allotted maximum; (2) you have been logged into more than one computer at the same time.

Symptoms of a corrupt profile include, but are not limited to, (1) computers unable to retrieve roaming profile; (2) desktop shortcuts are no longer available.

Solution for this involves resetting your NT Profile. Stop by the Helpdesk for assistance with this or you can reset it yourself. For instructions on resetting it please call us for directions and precautions.

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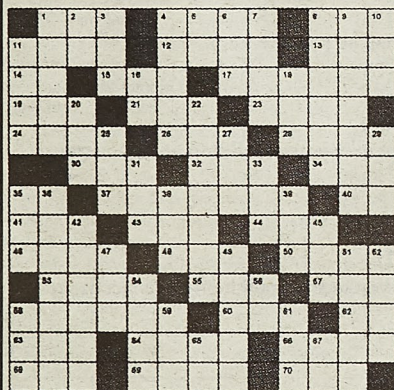
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MINER ADJUSTMENTS

By C. James



Crossword Puzzle



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ACROSS
1 Is (plural)
4 Bottom
8 Conditions
11 Male deer
12 Among
13 Rifle group (abbr.)
14 Near
15 Man (slang)
17 Removed soap
19 Girl (slang)
21 Hawaiian dish
23 Carry
24 SW state (abbr.)
26 America (abbr.)
28 Press release
30 Clothes (informal)
32 Poem
34 Tap
35 Preposition
37 Egg specialties
40 You (arch.)
41 Village (abbr.)
43 Accountant (abbr.)
44 Goal
46 Not on our side (2 wds.)
48 Dined
50 Urge

53 Revealed
55 Before (poetic)
57 Fuss
58 Do over
60 African antelope
62 Over
63 Prepare golf ball
64 Edible root
66 Fee
68 Terminate
69 One NY ballplayer
70 Unit
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1 Floral perfume
2 Egyptian sun god
3 Breakfast food
4 Stagnant creek
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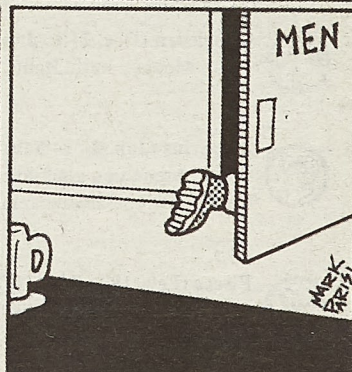
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31 Auto makers (abbr.)
33 7th Greek letter
35 Eggs
36 Mid-teens
38 Government agency (abbr.)
39 Signature (slang)
42 Circled
45 Flightless bird
47 Building extension
49 Rye disease
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59 Sweet potato
61 Alien spacecraft (abbr.)
65 With reference to
67 Article

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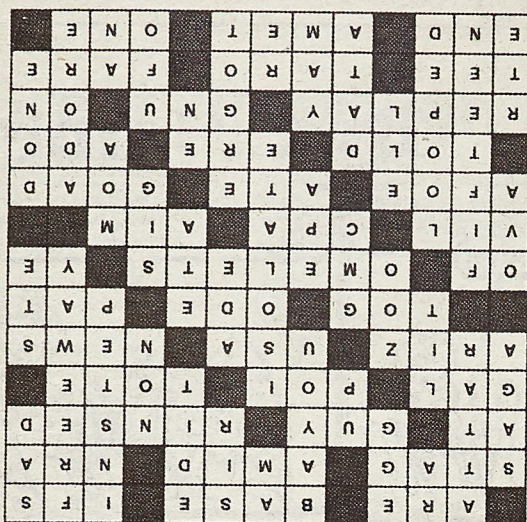
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THE SPEED OF LIFE



Answers to the Crossword Puzzle

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MOROSCOPES

by Dan Maddex



Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

What a better time to lick your hands and touch people's faces.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 20)

Don't stand near horse's rear ends, it looks like you might get kicked.



Capricorn (Dec. 21 to Jan. 19)

Monkey knife fights, the wave of the future.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 17)

Aren't you glad you wrote your name in your underwear? Cause now you always rememeber your name.



Pisces (Feb. 18 to Mar. 19)

Cartoons, what a better way to spend your every waking moment.



Aries (Mar. 20 to Apr. 19)

Don't get so upset, it is natural to be the cause of your parents divorce. Come on, like they didn't know about each others affairs.



Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 19)

I got no future, I wanna be just like.



Gemini (May 20 to June 20)

Kids follow you where ever you go, so stop going to strip clubs.



Cancer (June 21 to July 21)

Pimping ain't easy, but you seem to pull it off quite nicely.



Leo (July 22 to Aug. 22)

If you die when no watches, are you still dead?



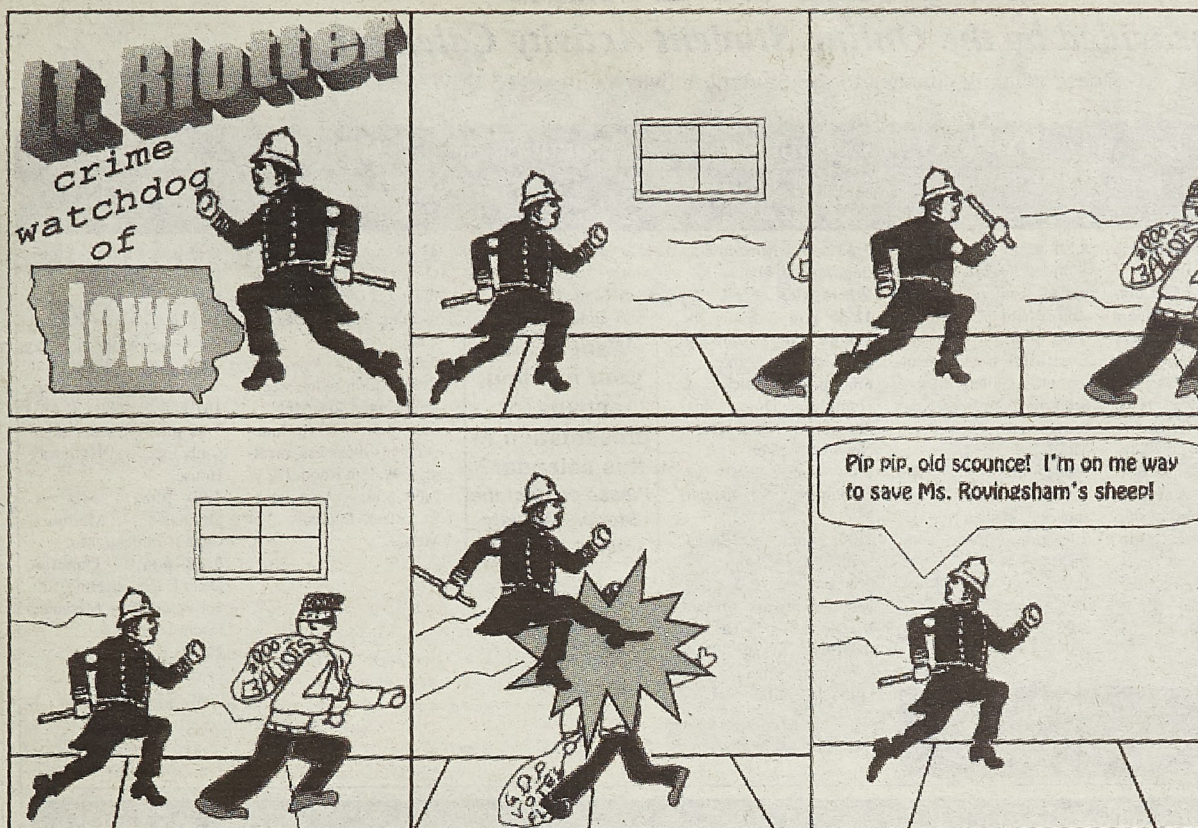
Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 21)

Nothing is going to change the world, unless we get really big diapers.



Libra (Sept. 22 to Oct. 22)

Oooga booga, scratch scrath, squeak squeak.



Two Days

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follow up Belleville's performance with a first place finish in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.77. Pennuto would then come through once again for the Miners with back to back first place finishes in the 400-yard medley and the 100-yard butterfly. Pennuto finished the 400-yard individual medley in a time of 4:10.90 and the 100-yard butterfly in a time of 53.34. Pennuto would have teammates take the second spot in both events as well as Adams would take the second spot in the 400-yard individual medley in a time of 4:17.32 and Raggett would finish second in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 54.8.

The first place finishes would continue to come as Belleville would take another first place in the 100-yard freestyle and Aldrich would turn in a first place finish of his own in the 100-yard backstroke. The Miners would not settle to just take the first place spot in the 100-yard back stroke as Jolly would take the second place spot and Lach would take the third place spot to give the Miners another one, two, three finish.

Mike Minard would be the final Miner swimming for points as he would take first place in the 500-yard freestyle in a time of 4:51.06.

The Miners knew that they had enough points to win the meet at that point and swam the remainder of the events of the day only as exhibition swimmers. If the Miners had been swimming for points they would have received another

one, two, three finish from Ryan Campbell, Evans and Sean Garceau who would have gone one, two, three respectively.

Overall the Miners stayed tough for the entire two days of meets, according to Coach Grooms, which is encouraging for the coming meet in Little Rock, Ark.

"The team did a great job and I have high expectations for the results of the Little Rock meet," said Grooms. "Some of the relays are still up in the air, which I think will keep the guys motivated in practice so I feel that the meet should have some very positive results."

The meet is the largest that the Miners compete in during the spring semester and usually results in a number of national qualifications. Despite having such a young team, Grooms feels that the Miners will not have a problem with nerves at the meet.

"I am not concerned at all. Most of the freshman have been to bigger meets and they have all competed at a level that they are going to see at Little Rock," said Grooms. "I don't think they will be at all overwhelmed. It will be the biggest college meet many of them have been to, but I don't think it will be fear that worries any of them, but nerves about how fast they will swim not what they have been here for four months."

The Miners will travel to Little Rock, Ark. Dec. 1 and 2 for the Arkansas, Little Rock Invitational. The meet will be the final meet of the semester for the Miners.

Season Opener

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Post-Season Tournament field for a third straight season. This means that the Lady Miners will have to prove the pre-season poll wrong, since they were picked to finish 10th in the MIAA. (eight teams qualify for the MIAA post-season tournament).

The returners are senior forward Jackie Kelble (Lenexa, Kan./Shawnee Mission Northwest) who is the top returning scorer for the Lady Miners this year with an average of 11.2 points per game in the 1999-00 season; senior guard Amy Milliken (St. Charles, Mo./Francis Howell North) who shot 36 percent from three-point range a year ago; senior guard Jamie Schroetlin (Yuma, Colo.) who led the Lady Miners in assists as a junior; and sophomore center Leah Kessenich (Pewaukee, Wis./Waukesha

Catholic Memorial) whom Roberts is hoping can become more of a force in her second season in the program.

"Kelble is a proven player in this league and we're hoping that Leah has a breakout season," Roberts said. "Those two, along with the other two seniors, will give our team a lot of stability. Milliken and Schroetlin are veterans who have been through the MIAA and understand what it takes to win in this conference," Roberts added.

A key to the fortunes of the Lady Miners, however, will lie in the development of the freshmen class. A number of them are expected to see significant playing time during the upcoming year. Kelble and Kessenich will be joined on the front line by forward Rebekah Judy (Elkton, Ky./Todd County Central) who was one of the four all-state players signed in the last off-season, and forward Rachel Carter (Rolla, Mo.) who was a starter last year for the Rolla

High School team that was one of the top squads in the state of Missouri.

"We have a lot more flexibility in our lineup this year than we've had in the last couple of seasons," Roberts said. "Rhodes is a player who can hopefully develop into a top scorer in this conference and Kimmel is a good shooter from the outside."

"That position will definitely be in the hands of a freshman," Roberts said, noting that Poulard and Schlachter will likely see time there as well. "Fortunately, I feel like Niefeld is a player who can handle the position both physically and mentally. Poulard and Schlachter are both very capable of handling the position as well."

"There's no doubt that the perimeter will be our strength in terms of quality and depth," Roberts said. "We have to have big games from our inside players if we want to have a good season."

End of Season

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Brown had completed 51 of 102 passes entering Saturday's game for 567 yards; his top target has been Sam Petty with twenty-four receptions for 269 yards.

On defense, Drew Bullocks has 103 tackles on the season after recording fifteen in the game against Missouri Southern, ranking him third in the league, while linebacker Jason Elrod has eighty-three tackles. Sterling Hodrick has four pass interceptions, which leaves him tied in third place in the league for interceptions.

Alex Mendrygal is tied for sixth in the MIAA in field goals with five in ten games. Clint Moss is averaging 21.5 yards per kickoff return to rank sixth, while Dan Lester is right behind him at 19.6 yards per return. Bryan Johnson is tied for fifth in the league with three pass interceptions.

Not only is the team producing results in sports, there were two Miners named to the Verizon Academic All-District Team VII football team for the 2000 season. Jason Elrod, a junior linebacker, Alex Mendrygal, the sophomore placekicker were named to the third team for the district that covers a nine-state area in the upper Midwest.

Elrod, a biological sciences major, has started every game for each of the last two years at linebacker for the Miners and currently ranks as the team's second-leading tackler for the season with 83. He has also made five tackles for a loss, forced three fumbles and recovered two, and has intercepted one pass which he returned thirty-five yards for a touchdown against Pittsburg State on October 28. He has been a member of the Honor Roll and Dean's List at Rolla and was a member of Commissioner's academic honor roll as named by the MIAA for the 1999 season.

Mendrygal has served as the Miner kicker for the past two seasons and has converted fifteen of sixteen extra points and five of eleven field goal attempts this fall. He made a decisive twenty-four yard field goal with just over a minute to play in the Miner's 22-20 win over Missouri Valley on September 9 and hit a career-best forty-seven yard field goal against Pittsburg State two weeks ago. A mechanical engineering major at Rolla, Mendrygal was named to the university's Honor Roll and to a national dean's list after the 1999-00 academic year. He is also a member of the M-Club.

Elrod and Mendrygal were among twenty-one players from institutions in the MIAA that were selected to the academic all-region team. Eight of the twenty-one were first-team selections.

The season is over, but the Miners have produced many results to be proud of. These results are ones that will give them plenty of confidence for the seasons to come.

Calendar of Events

provided by the Online Student Activity Calendar

Please send all changes to the Student Activity Center, 113 UCW.

Today 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17	Saturday 18	Sunday 19	Monday 20	Tuesday 21
<p>5:30 p.m. - Academic Competition twice weekly meetings, 206 McN</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Habitat for Humanity meeting, 210 or 211 McN</p> <p>6:00 p.m. - Chess Club weekly tourney, UCE Cafeteria</p> <p>6:00 p.m. - Spelunkers weekly meeting, 204 McN</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Amateur Radio Club meeting or Open Shack, G29 & 30 ECE</p>	<p>6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters meeting, 203 Library</p> <p>6:00 p.m. - KUMR Community Advisory Board Meeting, G-6 Library Studio A</p> <p>7:45 p.m. - St. Pats committee meetings, 107C ME Annex</p> <p>7:45 p.m. - Baptist Student Union meeting, BSC</p> <p>8:00 p.m. - Christian Campus Fellowship meeting and worship, G31 EE</p> <p>10:00 p.m. - Ultimate Frisbee Club playing ultimate, IM fields</p>	<p>8:30 a.m. - Society of Women Engineers High School conference, Missouri Room UCE</p> <p>3:00 p.m. - Trap and Skeet Club weekly meeting, UCE Gallery West</p> <p>6:00 p.m. - WB vs. Kentucky State, St. Joseph, Mo.</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Show Me Anime weekly anime showing, 204 McN</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Association for Black Students Poetry Under the Stars, Mark Twain Room UCE</p> <p>8:00 p.m. - Kansas City Ballet, Leach Theater</p>	<p>7:00 a.m. - Mineral auction, McNutt Hall Where: McNutt</p> <p>12:30 p.m. - Show Me Anime anime showing, 204 McN</p> <p>6:00 p.m. - Chicken & Dumpling Dinner and Auction, UMR Catholic Newman Center</p> <p>6:00 p.m. - WB vs. Dubuque, St. Joseph, Mo.</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - MB vs. William Penn, Home</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - SUB & UMR Film Festival present Magnolia, Leach Theater</p> <p>All Day - CC at NCAA Championships, Pomona, Calif.</p>	<p>4:00 p.m. - Alpha Phi Alpha meetings, Missouri, Mark Twain, or Silver & Gold Room, UCE</p>	<p>11:30 a.m. - University Orators Chapter of Toastmasters International meeting, Meramec Room UCE</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Academic Competition twice weekly meetings, 206 McN</p> <p>6:00 p.m. - UMR Independents business meetings, Walnut Room UCW</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Association for Black Students, 204 McN</p>	<p>5:15 p.m. - Interfraternity Council meeting, 216 McN</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Tau Beta Pi meeting, G3 ChE</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Solar Car Team design meeting, 107 EM</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - UMR Bridge Club meeting, Holloway House</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - MB vs. Southeast Missouri, Cape Girardeau, Mo.</p> <p>9:00 p.m. - Omicron Delta Kappa meeting, Silver & Gold or Meramec Room UCE</p> <p>10:00 p.m. - Ultimate Frisbee Club playing ultimate, IM Fields</p>

SPORT CODES: FB-Football, MS-Men's Soccer, WS-Women's Soccer, MB-Men's Basketball, WB-Women's Basketball, SW-Swimming, CC - Cross Country, BB-Baseball.

Want to add your meeting, activity, or presentation to this calendar?
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Missouri Miner Weather Report

7-Day Local Forecast



WEDNESDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 47 Low: 22



THURSDAY
Rain is Likely
High: 43 Low: 35



FRIDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 36 Low: 23



SATURDAY
Sunny
High: 41 Low: 22



SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 41 Low: 28



MONDAY
Flurries Possible
High: 44 Low: 27



TUESDAY
Flurries Possible
High: 45 Low: 27



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Missouri Recreational Forecast



A cool week is in store across the state of Missouri. Both high and low temperatures will continue to be well below normal for this time of year. Readings will be some 10-15 degrees below what is expected. A cold front will move in on Thursday, bringing a likely chance of showers to the region. High pressure will build in over the weekend, and recreational activities are looking good. Just make sure that you have plenty of clothing on. Next week will bring another cold front in from the west. This system will bring a chance of not only rain, but of some scattered flurries as well.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Lst Qtr	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	1st Qtr
11/18	Wednesday	6:48 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	8:41 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	
	Thursday	6:49 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	9:48 p.m.	11:41 a.m.	
	Friday	6:50 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	10:57 p.m.	12:29 p.m.	
	Saturday	6:51 a.m.	4:53 p.m.		1:11 p.m.	
New	Sunday	6:52 a.m.	4:52 p.m.	12:05 a.m.	1:48 p.m.	
11/25	Monday	6:53 a.m.	4:52 p.m.	1:12 a.m.	2:20 p.m.	
	Tuesday	6:55 a.m.	4:51 p.m.	2:17 a.m.	2:51 p.m.	Full

National Weather Summary This Week



An area of low pressure will move through the Northeast during the midweek, bringing rain and snow to portions of New England. An upper level area of low pressure will bring snow to most of the Great Lakes states. A small area of high pressure will build in across the eastern United States, bringing cooler temperatures. Another cold front will move into the central Plains and toward the East by the end of this week. Moisture from an area of low pressure in the Pacific Ocean will spread into portions of the southwest United States over the weekend. Flooding is likely considering these areas have been pounded by rain the past couple of weeks.

Traveler's Trouble Spot This Week



A pair of cold fronts will move into the Great Lakes and the Northeast over the next week, bringing a decent chance of rain and snow. The first front will be exiting the Northeast today. An upper level area of low pressure will stick around across the Great Lakes, bringing plenty of clouds and a good chance of wintry precipitation. Another front will quickly move in by the end of the week and will bring another decent chance of snow with it to the Great Lakes and to the Northeast.

Nov. 15, 2000



Last Week's Almanac

Day	High	Low	Precip
Monday	69	45	0.39"
Tuesday	46	35	0.00"
Wednesday	40	32	0.27"
Thursday	35	28	0.10"
Friday	32	28	0.00"
Saturday	41	30	0.00"
Sunday	50	36	0.15"

Weather History

Nov. 15, 1987 - Thunderstorms spawned 22 tornadoes in parts of Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. Ninety-six people were injured around Shreveport, La. and more than five million dollars in damage occurred. Tornadoes in Texas took ten lives and injured 191 more.

Nov. 16, 1959 - The most severe cold wave in U.S. history was in progress. At a station just outside of Lincoln, Neb., the temperature recorded was a frigid 53 degrees below zero, which set an all-time record low temperature for November across the nation.